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ON ME TO STATE THAT SPRINGER FROM THE MORNING POST WHICH MORGENPOST  
AND BILD ZEITUNG HAD HANDLED STORIES ATTRIBUTED TO GENERAL  
CLAY FOLLOWING HIS PRESS RECEPTION ON SEP 22. [ ] EXPLAINED  
DIFFICULTY IN KEEPING EDITORIAL POLICY VARIOUS SPRINGER PUB-  
LICATIONS IN LINE AND SAID HE WANTED TO ESTABLISH CONTACT SO  
THAT IF AMBIGUITIES REGARDING US POLICY OCCURRED AGAIN HE MIGHT  
BE ABLE TO CHECK IN QUICKLY WITH ME ON FACTS OR BACKGROUND BEFORE  
NEWSPAPERS SENT TO PRESS. I EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR HIS  
CALL AND WILLINGNESS COOPERATE IN MANNER SUGGESTED PARTICULARLY  
AS WE IN MISSION HAD BEEN CONSIDERABLY CONCERNED REGARDING PRESS  
TREATMENT IN THE TWO NEWSPAPERS MENTIONED.

GENUINE CONCERN IN BERLIN AND WEST GERMANY OVER  
FUTURE COURSE US GERMAN POLICY. HE REFERRED SPECIFICALLY TO  
WORRY OVER STATEMENTS, RUMORS, SPECULATIVE ARTICLES FROM THE  
US INDICATING EXTREME POSITIONS WE MIGHT FALL BACK TO IN NEGOTI-  
ATIONS OVER BERLIN. IN PARTICULAR HE REFERRED TO OMISSION OF  
ASSURANCES BY GEN CLAY AND PRES KENNEDY THAT US STILL MAINTAINED  
LONG TERM GOAL OF REUNIFICATION OF GERMANY AND OMISSION OF DEMAND  
FOR FREE OVERLAND ACCESS FOR GOODS AND PERSONS OF ALL CATEGORIES  
GERMANS AS WELL AS ALLIES. [ ] DEEP LATENT NATION-  
SM IN GERMAN CHARACTER AS EXPLAINING CONTINUING IMPORTANCE

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OF REASSERTING POLICY REUNIFICATION, HOWEVER REMOTE ITS ATTAINMENT MIGHT BE. HE HOPED UNDERSTANDABLE EMPHASIS ON ALLIED ACCESS AND AIR ACCESS DID NOT MEAN WE WERE FORGETTING BERLINERS' OWN VITAL LIFELINES ON SURFACE ROUTES. HE ALSO HOPED THAT UNDERSTANDABLE PREOCCUPATION WITH MAINTAINING ACCESS AS ONE OF OUR VITAL INTERESTS WOULD NOT LEAD US TO GO SO FAR IN REACHING MODUS VIVENDI AS TO UNDERMINE THE VERY REASON FOR OUR BEING IN BERLIN, I.E., AS CARETAKERS OF GERMAN CAPITAL PENDING REUNIFICATION. HOWEVER UNREALISTIC REUNIFICATION MIGHT SEEM, IT WAS AN ABIDING GERMAN GOAL. WE WOULD BE MAKING GREAT MISTAKE TO FAIL COMPREHEND DEPTH THIS SENTIMENT. IN PSYCHOLOGICAL AREA NOTHING SO IMPORTANT AMONG GERMANS AS THEMES SELF-DETERMINATION AND REUNIFICATION.

I REPORT FOREGOING BECAUSE IT FITS PATTERN OF MANY OTHER SIMILAR REACTIONS FROM FEDREP AND BERLIN. WITH PRESENT TENDENCY TO JUDGE EVERYTHING IN RELATION TO OUR SOMEWHAT DOGMATICALLY DEFINED "VITAL INTERESTS", RECENT RATHER VIOLENT OFFICIAL AND PUBLIC GERMAN REACTION TO AMERICAN COMMENTARY ON BERLIN PROBLEM MAY SERVE USEFUL PURPOSE.

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